



SECHA Board of Directors Special Meeting  
July 13, 2018  
8:30 AM  
Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments  
5 Connecticut Ave, Norwich, CT

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Norton Wheeler (Chair), Deb Monahan, John Bolduc (Secretary), Mark Oefinger (Vice-Chair), Bob Fusari, Pam Days-Luketich, Michael Sheahan, David Stanland, Jim Butler (Treasurer), Amanda Kennedy, Carly Myers

1. Call to Order

Norton Wheeler called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Approval of May 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: To approve the May 11, 2018 meeting minutes (Fusari, Bolduc). So voted unanimously.

3. Financial Report/Fundraising

The deadline for grant applications to Dime Bank Foundation is July 11<sup>th</sup>. Carly Myers will submit a funding request.

MOTION: To request funding from Dime Bank Foundation (Oeffinger, Fusari). So voted unanimously.

Ms. Kennedy presented the end-of-year financial report. A draft budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Municipal Activities

Norwich: SCCOG staff has been invited to present the Housing Needs Assessment at Norwich Community Development Corporation on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

North Stonington: SECHA (Wheeler, Days-Luketich, Kennedy) met with the N.S. Affordable Housing Committee and is working with them to coordinate a presentation to the N.S. P&Z. Margaret Leonard is new chair of N.S.A.H.C. The committee has been very active for the past ten years but thus far has been unsuccessful in adding affordable housing to the community. They recently formed an LLC which will be able to carry out major projects.

Ledyard: SCCOG staff has been in discussions with Commissioner Mike Cherry about presenting to their P&Z.

Stonington: Kennedy reported that Stonington is reviewing their 2008 Housing Plan (which was never formally adopted) and will be releasing a progress report shortly.

SECHA members reviewed the most recent community profile, drafted for Ledyard, and discussed adding info about the different types of affordable housing and stats on projected number of children. There was a short discussion about which municipalities to approach next. Members noted the recent opposition in Old Lyme over a proposal to build affordable housing.

Members of the nominating committee mentioned that there are two vacancies on the board and proposed adding local residents to the board (HOPE Partnership has been trying to do the same).

## 5. SCCOG Activities

Kennedy reported that SCCOG will be conducting several activities recommended for implementation in the 2018 Housing Report:

- Amendment to Housing Needs Assessment that will quantify the additional demand by Electric Boat-related hiring and propose strategies to meet needs and manage impacts has been funded by a Department of Defense grant.

- SCCOG staff continues to work to complete a Demographic Multipliers report for publication.

- SCCOG will prepare a regional wastewater plan which will provide guidance on where development can be accommodated.

## 6. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. Adjournment

Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:45.